

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 STATE 157032  
ORIGIN ACDA-12

INFO OCT-01 IO-13 ISO-00 SSO-00 NSCE-00 INRE-00 ICAE-00  
SOE-02 AF-10 ARA-10 CIAE-00 DODE-00 EA-10 EUR-12  
PM-05 H-01 INR-10 L-03 NASA-01 NEA-11 NSAE-00  
OIC-02 SP-02 PA-01 DOE-15 CEQ-01 OES-07 SS-15  
DLOS-09 EB-08 /161 R

DRAFTED BY ACDA/MA/IR:NWALDROP

APPROVED BY IO:GBHELMAN

ACDA/MA:RSTRAND DOD:SBUCKLEY

IO/UNP:JWARD

ACDA/GC:MMAZEAU DOE:IWILLIAMS

L/PM:MMATHESON

PM/DCA:SSTEINER

S/P:CHUME

EUR/SOV:ABOHLEN

NSC:RPUTNAM

-----007119 210135Z /61

O 210102Z JUN 78

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO USMISSION USUN NEW YORK IMMEDIATE

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 157032

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PARM, UNGA

SUBJECT: SSOD: PROGRAM OF ACTION -- SEABEDS

REF: USUN 2483

I. GIVEN THAT DEMILITARIZATION IS OUT OF THE QUESTION  
(FYI: BECAUSE OF UNDERWATER SENSORS AND FOR OTHER REASONS; END FYI), AND GIVEN THAT THERE HAS NOT BEEN ANY SPECIFIC OR REALISTIC PROPOSAL WHICH COULD SERVE AS A CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 STATE 157032

BASIS FOR NEGOTIATIONS TOWARD A FURTHER LIMITATION ON MILITARY ACTIVITIES ON THE SEABEDS, WE CANNOT ACCEPT THE DUTCH-POLISH LANGUAGE REPORTED PARA 4 REFTEL. INSTEAD, WE WOULD OFFER THE FOLLOWING:

A. "IN ORDER TO AVOID AN ARMS RACE ON THE SEA-BED AND THE OCEAN FLOOR AND THE SUBSOIL THEREOF, FURTHER MEASURES

SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WITH A VIEW TOWARD CONVENING MULTI-LATERAL NEGOTIATIONS WHEN AN ADEQUATE BASIS FOR THEM HAS BEEN DEVELOPED"; OR,

B. "IN ORDER TO AVOID AN ARMS RACE ON THE SEA-BED AND THE OCEAN FLOOR AND THE SUBSOIL THEREOF, FURTHER MEASURES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WITH A VIEW TOWARD CONVENING MULTI-LATERAL NEGOTIATIONS AS IT MAY BECOME APPROPRIATE."

2. BASED ON THE TACTICAL SITUATION AND ON DEL'S DISCRETION, DEL MAY CHOOSE TO INTRODUCE EITHER OR BOTH OF THE ABOVE ALTERNATIVES. (FYI. THE INTENT AND PURPOSE OF THESE INSTRUCTIONS IS TO AVOID COMMITTING US TO STARTING MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS UNTIL A REALISTIC PROPOSAL EXISTS -- A PROPOSAL CONTAINING A SCOPE OF PROHIBITION WHICH THE USG CAN ACCEPT AS THE BASIS FOR SPECIFIC NEGOTIATIONS. END FYI.) VANCE

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptoning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 jan 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** INSTRUCTIONS, SEABED, DISARMAMENT, SESSION (UN SPECIAL)  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 21 jun 1978  
**Decaption Date:** 01 jan 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 20 Mar 2014  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1978STATE157032  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** NWALDROP  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** D780257-0850  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** STATE  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1978/newtext/t19780635/aaaabeaz.tel  
**Line Count:** 79  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** 11413984-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ORIGIN ACDA  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** 78 USUN NEW YORK 2483  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 04 aug 2005  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 2263714  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** SSOD: PROGRAM OF ACTION -- SEABEDS  
**TAGS:** PARM, US, UNGA  
**To:** USUN NEW YORK  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkvgwkey:** odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/11413984-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Sheryl P. Walter  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
20 Mar 2014  
**Markings:** Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014